

(Factory, mine, wholesaler, over-the-road trucking, etc.).

5. Contract expiration or reopening date _____.

6. Name of official filing this notice _____ Title _____.

Address _____ Phone No. _____.

Check on whose behalf this notice is filed:

Union _____ Employer _____

Signature _____

Receipt of this notice does not constitute a request for mediation nor does it commit the agencies to offer their facilities. This particular form of notice is not legally required. Receipt of notice will not be acknowledged in writing by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. (Attach copies of any statement you wish to make to the Mediation Agencies.)

Copies of this Form F-7 are obtainable at the national, regional and field offices of the Service. This form may be duplicated for use by representatives of employers or unions provided it is copied in full without change.

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§ 1403.1 Definitions.

As used in this part, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise;

(a) The term *commerce* means trade, traffic, commerce, transportation, or communication among the several States, or between the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States and any State or other Territory, or between any foreign country and any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, or within the District of Columbia, or any Territory, or between points in the same State but through any other State or any Terri-

tory or the District of Columbia or any foreign country.

(b) The term *affecting commerce* means in commerce, or burdening or obstructing commerce or the free flow of commerce, or having led or tending to lead to a labor-management dispute burdening or obstructing commerce or the free flow of commerce.

(c) The term *labor union or labor organization* means any organization of any kind, or any agency or employee representation committee or plan, in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work.

(d) The term *State or other conciliation services* means the official and accredited mediation and conciliation establishments of State and local governments, which are wholly or partially supported by public funds.

(e) The term *proffer its services*, as applied to the functions and duties of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, means to make mediation services and facilities available either on its own motion or upon the request of one or more of the parties to a dispute.

§ 1403.2 Policies of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

It is the policy of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service:

(a) To facilitate and promote the settlement of labor-management disputes through collective bargaining by encouraging labor and management to resolve differences through their own resources.

(b) To encourage the States to provide facilities for fostering better labor-management relations and for resolving disputes.

(c) To proffer its services in labor-management disputes in any industry affecting commerce, except as to any matter which is subject to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, either upon its own motion or upon the request of one or more of the parties to the dispute, whenever in its judgment such dispute threatens to cause a substantial interruption to commerce.